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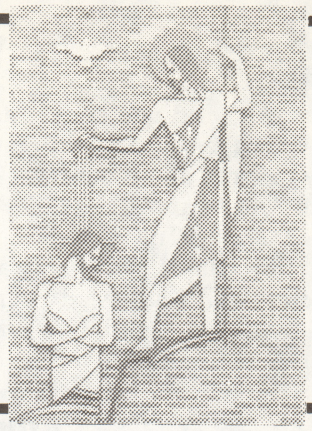

Now and Then...

by Fr. Doepker

Since I have been assigned to St. John's as Associate Pastor for almost six months now, I figure that I'm overdue to make my literary debut in the Ypsilanti Catholic. I have entitled this column "Now and Then" since that's when it will appear, owing to the fact that I'm a man of few words (occasionally).

It has been a great privilege for me to share your life here in Ypsilanti these past few months - births and deaths, joys and sorrows, the hope which comes from new friendships and experiences, the reflection that accompanies quiet routine. I look forward to many more months and years here.

One of the happy times I look forward to is the Parish Festival on August 6th. It will be a great opportunity to enjoy a little bit of summer fun together before these warm months slip away. The Activities Commission and numerous volunteers are already hard at work to ensure a super time. Say a little prayer that the weatherman will be on our side as well.

Speaking of weather, I'll close with some wise and sound advice: "Let a smile be your umbrella - and your breath will always be rainwater fresh!"

Last Sunday donations for the work of St. Vincent de Paul of our parish may be given through the use of envelopes at each door of church. Money will be used to purchase foods for those in need. Foods are purchased where each $1.00 donated will buy $3.00 worth of foods.

St. John's
3rd ANNUAL FESTIVAL
Sunday, August 6
Noon - 7 p.m.
Moose Park
Stony Creek Road

New Life in Christ

Anthony Rafael Albanese and Elizabeth Ann Lemkuhl became one with Christ through the Sacrament of Baptism on Sunday, July 16, 1978.

Anthony is the son of Ralph and Patricia Anne (Zavela) Albanese, 2621 Gross Road, Apt. 86, Ann Arbor. The Albanese family will soon be moving to Lincoln, Nebraska. Anthony's sponsors in the faith were Anthony Macaluso and Mary Beth Tulloch. Proxy godparent was Alice McLain.

Elizabeth Ann is the daughter of Robert and Marjorie (Gansen) Lemkuhl, 252 Carriage Way. Elizabeth's godparents were Jeffrey and Judy Lemkuh.

Welcome, Anthony and Elizabeth. Congratulations, parents!

Interested in Sharing Your Faith?

Have you ever considered being a catechist or a catechist aide? Please contact Eileen Hageman, 9:30-12:00 noon at the Religious Ed. Center, 483-6378.

St. John's Festival

Two weeks to Festival day! - Sunday August 6.

As the time gets closer, your Festival Committee is working ever harder to insure that the day will be one of fun for everyone.

Come on out and have a family picnic! We will have a nice variety of foods for you to choose from (items well under $1.00 each.) The park is short of tables and benches, so you may want to bring a blanket and/or chairs.

For you BINGO fans, we will be playing 50/50 all afternoon at 25¢ per game. Those who like Bingo for short periods of time only can play as little or as long as you like. And, if you've always wondered what it's all about, now's your chance to find out.

There will be many games for the children and young adults - from fish ponds to darts and ring tosses. One of the new attractions this year will be an animal walk. Kids of all ages should enjoy this one! All games will be 25¢ again this year.

At 2 p.m., there will be a series of games for the youngsters - for fun and prizes. Your children will not want to miss this.

Another "high" point is the airplane ride. If you and your children have not had a bird's-eye view of Ypsilanti and your home, you will want to do so. Rides are $5.00 for adults and $2.50 for children under 12. They are well worth the money. Last year, several people went two and three times and have asked if the plane will be available again this year.

Some of the other features of the Festival will be the perennial favorites; dunkin' booth, featuring our favorite pastor; the casino;

beer, popcorn, and sno-cones; and a number of other events, which we will tell you more about next week.

In the meantime, have you bought or sold your tickets and returned the stubs? Have you invited friends and relatives to come to the festival? Do you plan to come yourself? And finally, have you offered a couple of hours of your time to help make this Festival a great success for St. John's? (If not, please call us.)

Natalie Bowyer..... 482-4742
or (office 487-3332)
Rita Sprague 483-3600
or (office 764-3194)
Rectory 483-3360

Parish Nuptials

On Saturday, July 15, 1978, a Noon Nuptial Mass celebrated the covenant of Holy Marriage for James M. Isenegger and Constance H. Rhode Towler. Fr. Harvey celebrated the liturgy; Charles Isenegger of Southgate and Gayle Fuller of Ypsilanti were the main attendants. Miss Marie Stachlewitz served as organist.

Both the bride and groom reside in Ypsilanti and will be members of this parish.

Dennis A. Conner, son of Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Conner of this parish and Belinda K. Dillen, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Leon W. Dillen of Ann Arbor, solemnized their vows of Holy Marriage before Fr. Harvey on Saturday evening, July 15, 1978.

Paul Conner of Ypsilanti and Anne Grayson of Ann Arbor were the main witnesses. Mr. Melvin Light provided the musical accompaniment. The newlyweds will reside in Grass Lake.

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May the love of Christ sustain you in love with each other all the days of your life!

Cemetery Lots

Many choice grave lots are available in St. John Cemetery now for $200.00 each. As of September 1st, 1978, the price will be increased to $225.00 each. The recommendation for the increase was made and approved by St. John Cemetery Association at its semi-annual meeting. Appointments may be made with the cemetery superintendent, Mr. Charles Leitshuh, by calling 485-8010.

Wanted...

Group of Christian men looking for house to rent in Ypsilanti area. If you know of any leads call Jack Lynch at 481-1774 after 4:30 p.m.

Children's Festival 1978

The Second Annual Children's Festival, a county-wide festival for young children, will be held from 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. Saturday, August 5th at West Park, between Miller and Seventh in Ann Arbor.

Intercessory Prayer

You, O Lord, are good and forgiving, abounding in kindness to all who call upon you. Hearken, O Lord, to our prayer. All the nations shall come to worship you, O Lord, and glorify your name. Turn toward us, and have pity on us. Give your strength to your people. O Spirit of God help us in our weakness. Intercede for us when we don't know how to pray. Give us good ground for hope and permit repentance for our sins. O Lord, we repent of all wrongdoing. We come to you knowing that you are a merciful and gracious God, slow to anger, abounding in kindness and fidelity.

In faith we now turn to you and ask that you bless our parish team. Provide strength and leadership. Make it a joy for them to serve your people.

Pour your healing power and grace on our sick, the elderly, the rejected and those who have fallen away.

Bless those who have returned to your fold.

We thank you for bringing Tony, Scott, Nicole, Tracy and John into Christian community through Holy Baptism. Bless their parents that they may train these children unto our Lord.

We pray for vocations. May those who hear your voice answer your call to carry your word to the four corners of the earth.

We pray for our annual festival - for fun, relaxation, good Christian fellowship and long lasting unity of God's people.

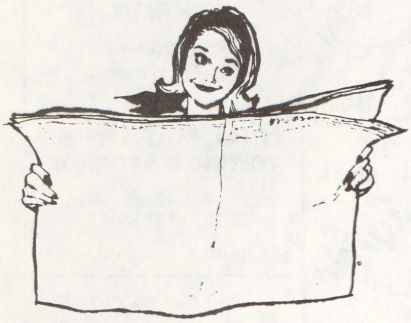
We pray for Henrietta Keathley who went home to be with our Lord. May she rest forever in the peace of the Lord.

We pray for Steve Schimpp who has answered God's call to serve the hungry. May your hand be upon Steve wherever he may go. May his work be your work. May his thoughts be your thoughts. Father, meet Steve's needs. Steve,

daily come before your Lord in faith that He will lead and guide you so that His work will be done.

Even though you are master of might, you judge with clemency and with much lenience you govern us. Blest are you Father, Lord of heaven and earth. You have revealed to us the mysteries of the kingdom. May your peace and grace be upon all of us now and forever.

Praise Jesus!
David



Welcome Newcomers!

Mrs. Shirley Parsons, 468 Courtland, 482-3331

Ms. Katherine Lorencz, 210 N. Washington #4, 485-0767

Mr. D. Joseph Gersuk, 881 Cliffs Dr., #101A, 484-1415

Mr. and Mrs. Jacob Strecker, 5737 Sunset Trail, 485-4213

Mr. Ken Cooper, 701 E. Forest, 481-0353

Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Gotts, 1 Oakwood, 483-3132

Mr. David McGinn, 203 N. Washington, 483-1420

Dr. and Mrs. Edward Burke, 2154 Lakeview Dr., #251, 485-2577

Mr. and Mrs. Howard Distelzweig, 701 E. Forest, 481-0353

Mrs. Sandra Kobish, 3024 Ellsworth Rd., 434-6569

Mrs. Ghitana White, 167 S. Grove, 485-4679

Mr. and Mrs. Jeffrey A. Tarvin, 721 W. Clark Rd. #101, 483-0740.

St. John's Bingo
Wednesdays
Doors Open 6:30 p.m.

Readings for July 23-30

Sunday - Wis 12:13, 16-19, Rom 8:26-27, Mt 13:24-43

Monday - Mi 6:1-4, 6-8, Mt 12:38-42

Tuesday - 2 Cor 4:7-15, Mt 20:20-28

Wednesday - Sir 44:1,10-15, Mt 13:16-17

Thursday - Jer 2:1-3, 7-8, 12-13, Mt 13:10-17

Friday - Jer 3:14-17 Mt 13:18-23

Saturday - Jer 7:1-11, Mt 13:24-30

Sunday - 1 Kgs 3:5, 7-12, Rom 8:28-30, Mt 13:44-52

Wedding Banns

III - Eugene Hadley and Amy Anhut

III - Wayne C. Meier and Debra A. Spino

II - L. Russell Jackson and Cynthia Markgraff

I - Mark Pritchard and Karen Williams

I - Phillip Pilkington and Christine Kelley

Mass Schedule

Monday, July 24 - Weekday
7:00 a.m. Douglas McLaughlan, req by The Paul Carroll family

Tuesday, July 25 - St. James, Apostle
7:00 a.m. O. J. Miesch, req. by The Ken Davis and the Victor Pryce families

Wednesday, July 26 - Ss. Joachim & Ann, parents of Mary
7:00 a.m. Anton Horvath, req. by Fred and Diane Keyes

Thursday, July 21 - Weekday
7:00 a.m. Deceased family members, req. by Mr. and Mrs. Roy Connolly

Friday, July 28 - Weekday
7:00 a.m. Harry Rominski, req. by Stella Saranowski
6:00 p.m. (Wedding) Wayne Meier and Debra Ann Spino

Saturday, July 29 - St. Martha
9:00 a.m. Mary Nissly, req. by Mike and Beverly Carpentier
12:00 p.m. (Wedding) Eugene Hadley and Amy Anhut
5:00 p.m. Magdalen Blum, req. by Magdalen Kleekamp

Sunday, July 30 - Seventeenth Sunday of Year
7:00 a.m. Intention of Parishioners
9:00 a.m. John Kopacz, Sr., req. by Stella Kopacz
11:00 a.m. James E. Loy, req. by Sue Loy
12:30 p.m. Dan McCarney, req. by The Courtois Family

Financial Barometer

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